

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Sections 14502 and 14503 of the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1703, as introduced, Lowenthal. California Transportation Commission.

Existing law creates the California Transportation Commission, with specified powers and duties relating to allocation of transportation capital funds through the state transportation improvement program process and various other responsibilities. Existing law provides for 9 members of the commission appointed by the Governor for 4-year terms, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and 2 ex officio nonvoting legislative members.

This bill would instead provide for 7 members appointed by the Governor, 1 member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, plus the 2 ex officio nonvoting legislative members.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14502 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 14502. The commission consists of 11 members appointed as
- 4 follows:
- 5 (a) ~~Nine~~ Seven members shall be appointed by the Governor
- 6 with the advice and consent of the Senate. A member appointed

1 pursuant to this subdivision shall not simultaneously hold an
2 elected public office, or serve on any local or regional public
3 board or commission with business before the commission.

4 (b) *One member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules*
5 *and one member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. A*
6 *member appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall not*
7 *simultaneously hold an elected public office, or serve on any*
8 *local or regional public board or commission with business*
9 *before the commission.*

10 (c) One Member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
11 Committee on Rules and one Member of the Assembly appointed
12 by the Speaker of the Assembly shall be ex officio members
13 without vote and shall participate in the activities of the
14 commission to the extent that such participation is not
15 incompatible with their positions as Members of the Legislature.

16 (e)

17 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a voting
18 member of the commission may serve on the High-Speed Rail
19 Authority as established in Division 19.5 (commencing with
20 Section 165000) of the Public Utilities Code.

21 SEC. 2. Section 14503 of the Government Code is amended
22 to read:

23 14503. (a) Other than ex officio members, the members of
24 the commission shall hold office for terms of four years, and
25 until their successors are appointed, except as otherwise provided
26 in this section.

27 (b) In the case of the members initially appointed by the
28 Governor, three shall be appointed to serve until February 1,
29 1979, two until February 1, 1980, two until February 1, 1981,
30 and two until February 1, 1982.

31 (c) *The legislative appointments pursuant to subdivision (b) of*
32 *Section 14502 shall be initially made to replace the first two*
33 *members appointed by the Governor whose terms expire on or*
34 *after January 1, 2007.*

35 *The Senate Committee on Rules shall make the first available*
36 *appointment under this subdivision, and the Speaker of the*
37 *Assembly shall make the second available appointment under*
38 *this subdivision.*

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